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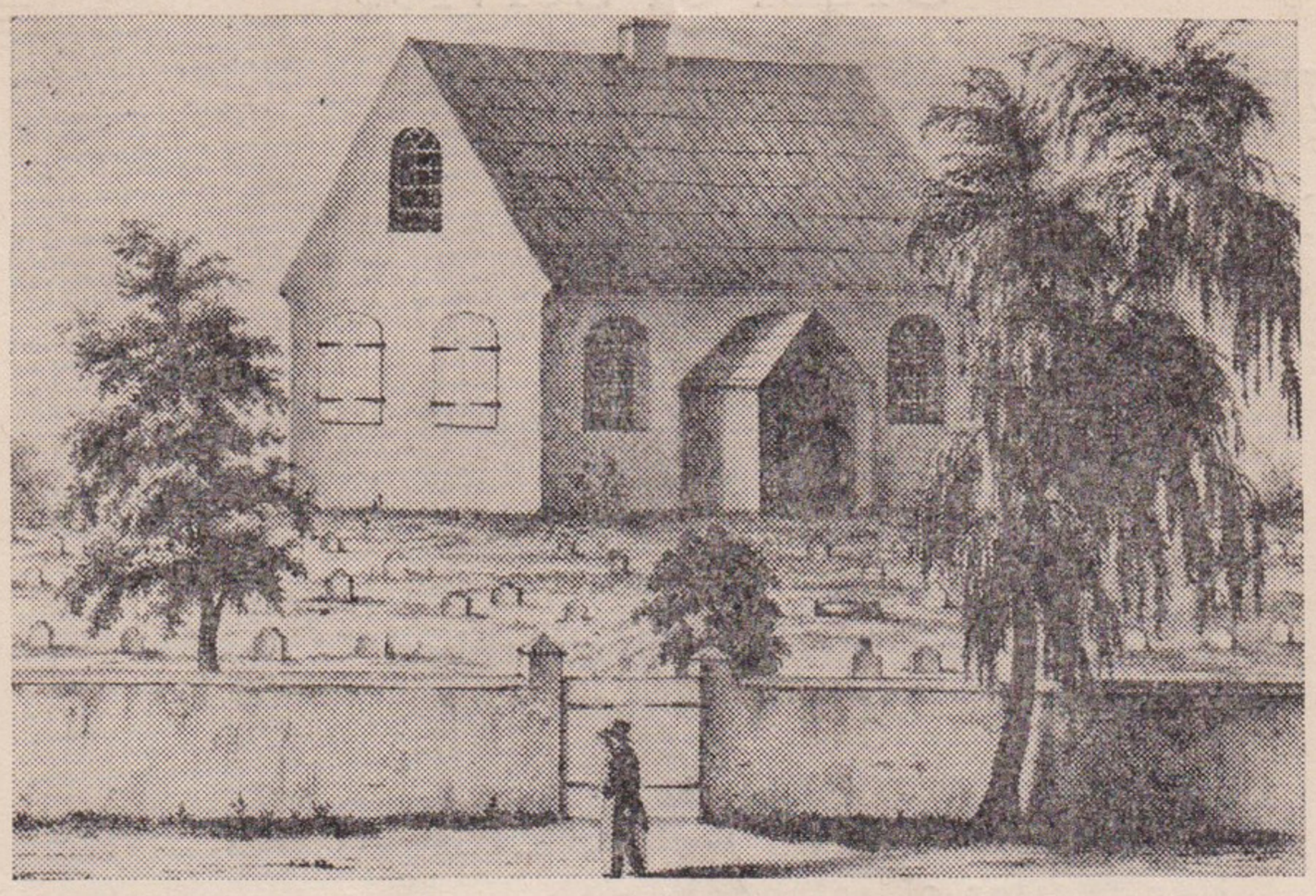


250th Anniversary Service

St. James' Episcopal Church

Perkiomen

R. D. 2, Collegeville, Pa.

The Rev. N. B. Groton, *Rector*

The Rev. Edward Platts, *Vicar*

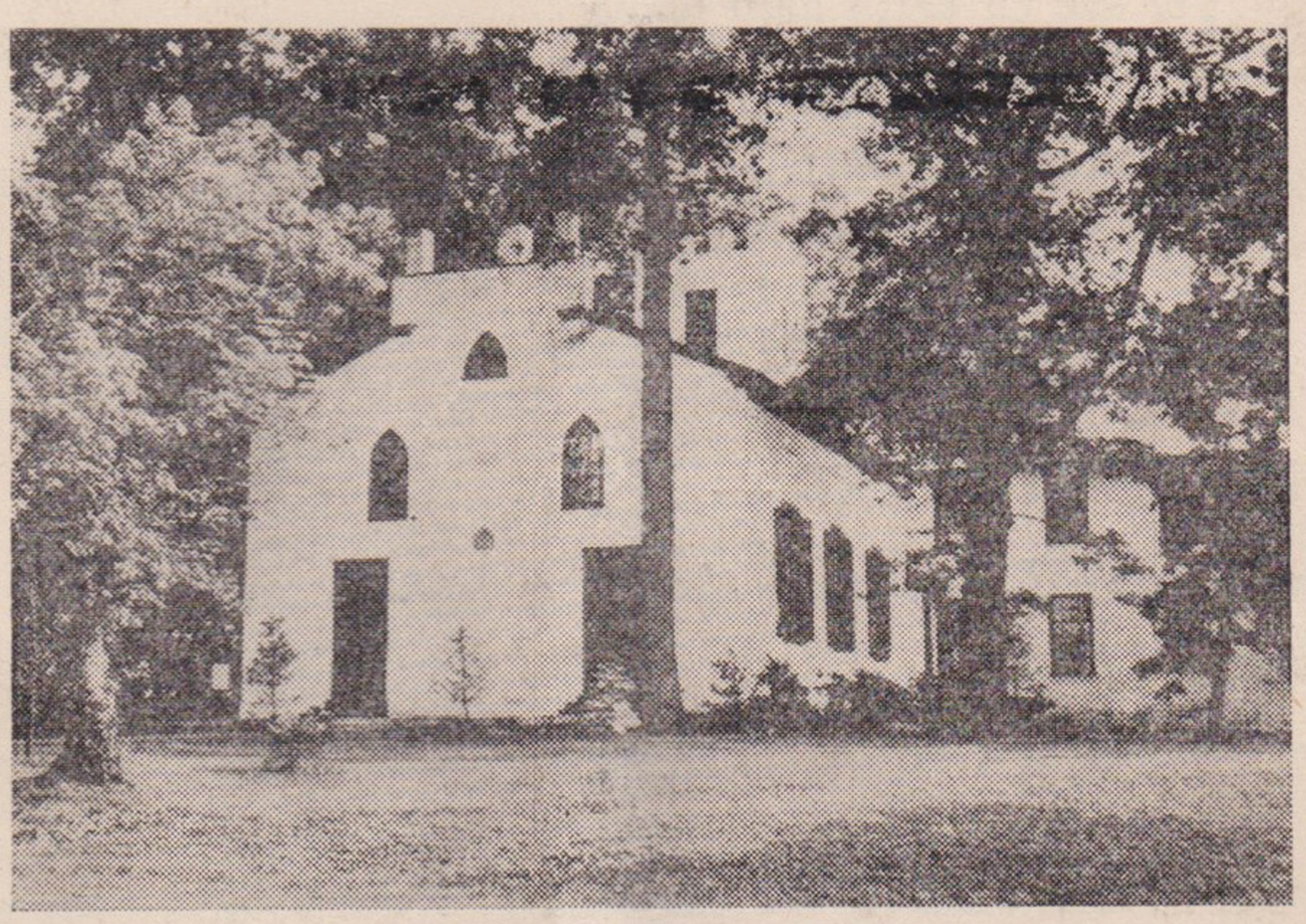
Mrs. John Tonkin, *Organist*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 24, 1950

at 3:00 o'clock

The. Right Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D.

Preacher



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— Order of Service —

PRELUDE ..... Tonkin

PROCESSIONAL HYMN —

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word;
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES —

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 84 —

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.
Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.
They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

LESSON — I Kings 6:11-13; 8:22-30

THE REV. JAMES C. GILBERT

ANTHEM — "The Heavens Are Telling" ..... *Beethoven*

The heav'ns are telling the Lord's endless glory,
Thro' all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story.
O man, repeat that glorious sound.
The starry host He orders and measures,
He fills the morning's golden springs;

CHORUS:

He wakes the sun from his night curtained slumbers,
Oh, man adore the King of Kings;
Oh, man adore the King of Kings.

What power and splendor, and wisdom and order,
In Nature's mighty plan unroll'd!
Thro' space and time to infinity's border.
What wonders vast and manifold.
The earth is His, and the heav'ns o'er it bending
The Maker in His works behold!

CHORUS:

He is, and will be, Thro' ages unending,
A God of strength and love untold,
A God of strength and love untold.

LESSON — St. Matthew 7:15-27 ..... THE REV. N. B. GROTON

NUNC DIMITTIS —

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CREED —

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Answer: And with thy spirit.
Minister: Let us pray.
Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O Lord, save the State.
Answer: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister: O Lord, save thy people.
Answer: And bless thine inheritance.
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer: For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR THE 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY—

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE —

O God from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, bring defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS —

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITANY OF THE CHURCH —

Minister: O God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;
O God the Son, given to be head over the Church.
O God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace;
O Holy Trinity, eternal love,

Answer: Have mercy upon us.

Minister: By thy ministry of healing and forgiveness; by thy seeking and saving the lost; by thy words of eternal life,

Answer: Help us, good Lord.

Minister: By thy calling and training of the twelve apostles; by thy promise to build thy church; by thy institution of the holy sacraments,

Answer: Help us, good Lord.

Minister: By the love shown in thy crucifixion; by the power of thy resurrection; by the glory of thy ascension; and by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit,

Answer: Help us, good Lord.

Minister: That it may please thee to strengthen and enlarge thy holy Church in every land, and to unite all those who profess and call themselves Christians, in faith and hope and charity,

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: That thy Church may strive not for its own safety, but for the world's salvation, seeking only thy kingdom and thy righteousness.

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: That thy Church may proclaim the gospel throughout the whole earth and make disciples of all nations,

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: That thou wilt grant to all bishops and ministers of thy word and sacraments, the spirit of wisdom, power, and love, and call many more to the work of thy ministry,

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: That thou wilt give to all thy people grace to understand and to believe thy word, and to show forth their faith in their lives,

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: That we may reverently and rightly use thy sacraments and be strengthened in body and soul by thy heavenly grace,

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: That thou wilt remove from us all hatred, prejudice, and narrowness of thought, that we may receive, and rejoice in all that thou revealest,

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: That thou wilt guide us in all perplexities of belief and conduct, that we may hold fast that which is true, and faithfully confess thee before men.

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: That regardless of the praise or contempt of the world, thy Church may worship and adore thee in spirit and in truth,

Answer: We beseech thee, good Lord.

Minister: And as we pray for the Church universal, so let us pray for God's blessing on the Church in this place: Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Amen.

Minister: Here the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged. Amen.

Minister: Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. Amen.

Minister: Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. Amen.

Minister: Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired. Amen.

Minister: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,
According to the power that worketh in us,
Unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

DEDICATION OF CHIMES ..... THE BISHOP

HYMN —

Our Father, by whose servants
Our house was built of old,
Whose hand hath crowned her children
With blessings manifold,
For thine unfailing mercies
Far-strewn along our way,
With all who passed before us,
We praise thy Name today.

The changeful years unresting
Their silent course have sped,
New comrades ever bringing
In comrades' steps to tread:
And some are long forgotten,
Long spent their hopes and fears;
Safe rest they in thy keeping,
Who changest not with years.

They reap not where they labored;
We reap what they have sown;
Our harvest may be garner'd
By ages yet unknown.
The days of old have dower'd us
With gifts beyond all praise:
Our Father, make us faithful
To serve the coming days.

Before us and beside us,
Still holden in thine hand
A cloud unseen of witness,
Our elder comrades stand:
One family unbroken,
We join, with one acclaim,
One heart, one voice uplifting,
To glorify thy Name. Amen

SERMON ..... THE BISHOP

THE OFFERTORY — "O Rejoice Ye Christians Loudly".. *Bach*

O rejoice, ye Christians, loudly,
For your joy is now begun;
Wondrous things our God hath done;
Tell abroad His goodness proudly,
Who our race hath honored thus,
That He deigns to dwell with us:

Refrain

Joy, O joy beyond all gladness!
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of grace is shining!

Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly?
I acknowledge that from Thee
Every blessing flows to me.
Let me not forget it lightly,
But to Thee through all things cleave;
So shall heart and mind receive:
Refrain

Jesu, take Thy congregation
Further in Thy grace and care,
Grant them what they ask in prayer
To revive their aspiration,
Give all Christians, far and near,
Peace and blessings all the year.
Refrain

PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION ..... THE BISHOP

RECESSIONAL HYMN —

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
When'er we hear that glorious word.
Refrain.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prison dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
And truly blest would be our fate,
If we, like them, should die for thee.
Refrain.

Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer
Shall win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God,
Mankind shall then indeed be free.
Refrain.

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly deeds and virtuous life.
Refrain.

POSTLUDE ..... *Tonkin*

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The offering at this service will be for the maintenance and beautifying of the grounds of this historic site.

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We are very happy to have so many of our friends, members, and visitors sharing with us in this commemoration. We extend a hearty welcome to you all. After the service there will be a reception and tea for which we hope you will remain.